



8th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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WINTER 2020

Dear Neighbors,

This has been a challenging year, to put it mildly. The COVID-19 virus has hit Wisconsin very hard and will almost certainly continue through the winter. Like you, I am too young to remember the great Flu Epidemic of 1918-19 that killed four times as many Americans as World War One. I have been reading about it. Many of the same problems this nation faced then, we are having now. Signs indicate, we will have an effective vaccine next year. In the meantime, we can not let our guard down. The 8th District may have more residents over the age of 65 than any district in Milwaukee County. That makes the South Shore suburbs particularly vulnerable. My advice is basic science. Stay home as much as possible. Wear a mask when in public. Keep a safe social distance. Wash your hands regularly. We will get through this thing. I want to attend social, entertainment, and sporting events, too.

Unfortunately, the virus epidemic has hit the economy, especially the entertainment, travel, and hospitality sectors, very hard. Thirty thousand people were expected to visit Milwaukee County for the Democratic National Convention. Instead, the number was closer to three. That was a huge loss for Milwaukee County tax revenue. Indeed, all levels of government are taking in less tax revenue. That means Milwaukee County is going to have even less money to spend on parks and buses next year and almost certainly 2022, as well.

I have some good news. I am very happy to report that our new Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley is more willing to work with the Milwaukee County Board than his two immediate predecessors. After many delays, the Grant Park Beach spur road has been resurfaced. We had a reopening ceremony with South Milwaukee Mayor Eric Brooks on Sept. 8. Now, for some unfortunate news. For the last two years, I have been telling constituents that the long-delayed study of the Oak Creek watershed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, SEWRPAC, would finally be released in December of 2020. Recently, I have been informed by SEWRPAC that, due to the virus, the release of the study is being pushed back, yet again. On your behalf, I gave them a piece of my mind. I will continue to do so every time I come into contact with members of that body until it is released.

Please have a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Steven Shea
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 8th District

Supervisor Swearing-In 2020

I got reelected to serve District 8 as the Milwaukee County Board Supervisor and was elected by my peers to serve as the Second Vice-Chair. Unlike other years, this year I got sworn in following social distancing guidelines.



Supervisor Shea is sworn in by Clerk Christenson outside of the Milwaukee Courthouse.

The Milwaukee County Board has shifted virtual to keep up with all Board and Committee meetings. I encourage everyone to tune in at the County Legislative Information Center for a live or video recording of all meetings. There is a new tool installed called e-comments that allows constituents to share their thoughts to the Board before and after the meeting. Even during this time, we want to ensure that we are allowing for everyone's voice to be heard. Along with that, I encourage you to reach my office or email me with any comments, concerns, ideas, or questions.

2021 SPRING ELECTIONS

Spring Primary Election
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Spring General Election
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Visit **MyVoteWI.gov** to register to vote,
find your polling place and view your ballot.
For text alerts, text **MKE VOTE** to **468311**.

The 2021 Milwaukee County Budget

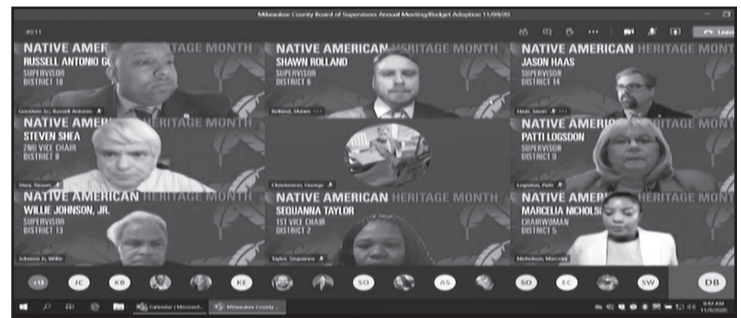
Milwaukee County government has just finished budget season. I held an online budget listening session on Oct. 20, and the Board of Supervisors also held its annual public hearing on the 2021 County budget on October 30. Ensuring that we remain engaged with the people we serve during the Coronavirus pandemic has been challenging due to limitations on public gatherings, but technology has made it easier. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time, and thanks to those of you who joined us for these virtual events to share your priorities for the 2021 budget.

On Nov. 9 The Milwaukee County Board passed its budget. I joined with my colleagues in voting for the final version of the adopted budget. On Nov. 12, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley signed it with no vetoes. This budget includes money for the resurfacing of the Wil-O-Way entrance and parking lot in Grant Park and new playground equipment in Pulaski Park.

Unfortunately, every budget also starts with a gap that must be filled in order to balance it. The budget gap arises every year because of something we call the structural deficit, or a built-in gap between the revenue available to the county and the inflation in costs to provide the same services and programming. Finding a permanent solution to the structural deficit is a top priority.

Over the past 10 years, Milwaukee County has cut an average of \$30 million a year each year in order to balance the budget. The initial estimate of the 2021 gap was about \$42 million but it was ultimately closer to \$35 million. (This number will continue to increase every year.) One-time emergency federal funding from the CARES Act was a tremendous help in filling in the gap this year.

The Board's Finance Committee held several open meetings on the 2021 budget throughout October and early November, where they listened to budget requests from County departments



Supervisor Shea alongside the Milwaukee County Board in the 2021 County Budget Adoption meeting on November 9th, 2020.

and division leaders and considered budget amendments from Supervisors. Supervisor Haas, who is serving as Chair of the Finance Committee for the first time during the 2020-22 term, did a tremendous job of efficiently leading the committee through their work and facilitating open, fair, and focused deliberations on the Recommended Budget.

This is the first year that a Board Chairperson has proposed using shared values to guide our budget work. The five guiding principles that Chairwoman Nicholson proposed were racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum. I want to thank the Chairwoman for proposing this framework and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for honoring these shared values, as they helped create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensured all voices were heard.

As I said during our Nov. 9 meeting, this is a painful budget. It includes a million-dollar reduction to the Parks Department. If we want to keep our parks traditional high standards, that is unsustainable. As I also said during the meeting, this budget is as good as can be expected during these very challenging times. Over the last decade, state government has failed to send back our fair share of tax money in the form of shared revenue to Milwaukee County.

#SaveThePostOffice Event

On August 22, I participated and spoke at a gathering to bring awareness to the importance that the United States Postal Service has on the November 2020 election. It is important for us to protect the postal service for the sake of our Democracy. The postal service plays an integral role in our democracy, and I will continue to protect it in my role as Supervisor.

Unlike any other year, we saw many more absentee votes because of COVID-19. People are taking the precautions necessary to complete their civic duty in a way that is safe for everyone. With elections coming this Spring 2021 and COVID-19 still an important issue, absentee voting will continue to be used by many voters.

Below: Supervisor Shea marches with supporters of protecting the postal service.



Register for my newsletter and join my mailing list for updates on similar events I host at
County.Milwaukee.gov/Shea

Virtual Work

COVID-19 has completely changed our world in a matter of months. That is why at the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, we have been at the forefront of providing resources to all our residents. Milwaukee continues to be a hotspot for COVID-19 cases. It is important that we take the proper precautions to protect our loved ones and fellow citizens.

This past spring, I co-sponsored a resolution that called for the Governor to suspend evictions and related late fees during the COVID-19 period. This Resolution also called upon the United States Federal Government to pardon rent and mortgage payments during this emergency. Many have lost their jobs during this crisis and consequently have had difficulty ensuring housing security.

Clean Power Coalition Event

For the second year in a row, I got to speak at an event hosted by the Clean Power Coalition on the 9th Anniversary of the WE Energies Oak Creek bluff collapse. I am happy to report that WE Energies has listened to our coalition and has announced they will be closing the Oak Creek coal-burning plant and move to renewable energy.



Supervisor Shea speaks in the live event by the Clean Power Coalition through Zoom.

Get up-to-date information on FREE Milwaukee County Attractions at:



county.milwaukee.gov/freedays

MKE County COVID-19 Resources

IMPACT 2-1-1

During times of personal crisis or community disaster, this free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected with nonprofit and government agencies providing services in your area 24/7/365. Simply **dial 2-1-1** or go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1. Provide your need and zip code to receive a list of services available nearby.

Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you.

www.tinyurl.com/y66ybp43

Renters Assistance

In partnership with Milwaukee County, Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction and financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on communityadvocates.net or requested by emailing renthelp@communityadvocates.net. An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **(414) 270-4646**.

24-Hour Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require the help of professional counselors, reach out to **(414) 257-7222**.

Energy Assistance

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.

- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)



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DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 TESTING

FREE - NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

City of Milwaukee Community Testing Sites

- **Northwest Health Center (NWHC), 7630 W. Mill Road**
Drive-thru garage – Enter at Mill Road Library, 6431 N. 76th St.
- **Southside Health Center (SSHC), 1639 S. 23rd St.**
Drive-thru heated tent in North parking lot – Enter on 24th St.
- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-3pm**
Wednesday 10am-6pm

CLOSED NOV. 26-27

Milwaukee County Community Testing Site

- **Miller Park – 1 Brewers Way**
Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturday 9am-3pm

Drive-thru, walk up or take the free downtown shuttle

CLOSED NOV. 26

SAVE TIME! Pre-register before arriving.

milwaukee.gov/covidtesting
#MKECares #StaySafeMKE

CLIC COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CENTER

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Service Guide for 8th District Milwaukee County Residents

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Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300
Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120
Criminal Division 278-4538
Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging 289-6874

Department of Health and Human Services ... 289-6877

District Attorney's Office 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4766
TDD Emergency 278-5252
Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876
Emergency Management (24 hours) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469
Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic. 278-4067

Medical Examiner 223-1200

Mental Health Complex

General Information 257-6995
Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600
General Information 257-7275
Parks Hotline 257-5100
Golf Office 257-8024

District 8 Parks

Greene Park, 4235 S. Lipton Ave. 482-4270
Cudahy, 3000 E. Ramsey Ave. 762-1550
Pulaski (Cudahy), 5400 S. Swift Ave. 762-1550

Grant Park, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave. 762-1550
Sheridan Park, 4800 S. Lake Dr. 762-1550
Rawson Park, 1400 E. Rawson Ave. 257-7275
Bay View Park, 3120 S. Lake Dr. 482-4270
Oak Creek Parkway (runs through Dist. 8) 762-1550

Milwaukee County Zoo 771-3040

Milwaukee County Sports Complex 281-2694

Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2702

Municipalities

Cudahy 769-2200
South Milwaukee 768-8051
St. Francis 481-2300

Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Rent Assistance 278-4894

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711
Customer Comments 937-3218
Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 256-4600

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service 278-4667